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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: MARCOS RENEWS CHARGES OF US
INTERVENTION

1. SUMMARY. DURING A LENGTHY ADDRESS BEFORE THE
ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO BROADCASTERS MARCH 27,
PRESIDENT MARCOS RENEWED HIS CHARGES OF "FOREIGN INTER-
VENTION" IN THE CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IT WAS MARCOS'
STRONGEST SUCH ATTACK IN THE CAMPAIGN TO DATE; STORY
WAS FRONT-PAGED IN ALL MANILA DAILIES MARCH 29
SPEAKING EMOTIONALLY AND DISJOINTEDLY, MARCOS (A) CITED
ALLEGED AMERICAN AND JAPANESE MEDDLING IN THE CAMPAIGN;
(B) ASKED WHY U.S. HAD SOUGHT RELEASE OF "THIS MAN WHO
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IS IN PRISON," I.E., AQUINO, AND WHY U.S. HAD ASKED THAT
OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER BE ALLOWED TO PUBLISH;
(C) WONDERED WHY U.S. WANTS TO TAKE UP MILITARY BASES
ISSUE IN THIS PRE-ELECTION PERIOD; (D) SPOKE OF
U.S. "CAVALIER ATTITUDE" IN IMPOSING DUTIES ON COCONUT
OIL AND MAHOGANY AND IN TERMINATING SUGAR QUOTA. MARCOS
ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO DEFENDING WESTINGHOUSE

NUCLEAR CONTRACT.

2. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE REPORTED, MARCOS' CONTINUED PLAY-ING OF THIS "FOREIGN MEDDLING" THEME APPEARS PRIMARILY ROOTED IN HIS SENSITIVITY TO OUR INITIATIVES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO THE AQUINO CASE. THERE IS ALSO AN ELEMENT OF ELECTION TACTICS INVOLVED--MARCOS EVIDENTLY BELIEVES THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IT IS USEFUL TO RECITE THE REAL AND IMAGINED GRIEVANCES THE GOP HAS AGAINST THE U.S. JAPANESE MINISTER TANIGUCHI INFORMS US THAT HE ASKED AMBASSADOR ARMANDO MANALO OF THE DFA WHETHER THE GOP MIGHT PROVIDE DETAILS OF MARCOS' ALLEGATION OF JAPANESE INTERVENTION. MANALO ADVISED TANIGUCHI NOT TO TAKE THE MATTER SERIOUSLY SINCE SUCH STATEMENTS ARE CUSTOMARY DURING PHILIPPINE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. END SUMMARY.

3. THERE FOLLOWS PERINENT EXCERPTS FROM TAPE OF MARCOS' SPEECH. BEGIN TEXT. ...FIRST OF ALL LET ME SPEAK ABOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION. WHEN WE SPEAK OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION, WE DON'T REFER TO THE UNITED STATES ALONE. PERHAPS IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT I REVEALED TO YOU THAT I ORDERED THE INVESTIGATION OF SUPPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS BY JAPANESE INTERESTS HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES IN THE PRESENT PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN. I DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS, BUT I AM ALARMED. WHETHER IT IS BY AMERICANS OR BY CONFIDENTIAL

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JAPANESE. WHETHER THEY ARE MERELY BUYING INSURANCE OR ACTUALLY IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED, MEANING THEY ARE COMMITTED SPIRITUALLY AND IDEOLOGICALLY TO ONE SIDE OF THE POLITICAL FENCE. ALL I SAY IS THE LAW IS THE LAW. THE LAW SAYS NO FOREIGNERS SHALL INTERVENE IN THE ELECTIONS. ...THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR ALLY. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS USING OUR LANDS, OUR TERRITORIES, FOR MILITARY BASES. WE LOST ONE MILLION MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE LAST WAR. NOT, OF COURSE, FOR THE AMERICANS, BECAUSE I FOR ONE FOUGHT PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE MY COUNTRY WAS INVADDED AND I PRESUME ALL THE OTHER

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SOLDIERS DID. BUT WHATEVER IT IS, I BELONGED TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. I WAS A REGULAR OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. I THEREFORE CANNOT SEE WHY WE SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE, NOT NECESSARILY FRIENDS, NOT ENEMIES BUT TREATED WITH A LITTLE INDIFFERENCE, THE CAVALIER ATTITUDE. WHY ARE THEY IMPOSING FOR INSTANCE DUTIES ON OUR COCONUT OIL WHEN THEY ARE NOT IMPOSING ANY DUTY ON MALAYSIA AND PALM OIL. WHY ARE THEY IMPOSING DUTIES ON OUR WOOD ON MAHOGANY WHEN THEY ARE NOT IMPOSING DUTIES ON THE MAHOGANY OF OTHER PEOPLE. THE AFRICAN MAHOGANY COMES IN WITHOUT PAYING THAT KIND OF A DUTY. THEN THEY CUT OUR SUGAR EXPORT QUOTA. THEY TERMINATED IT WITHOUT SO MUCH AS NOTIFYING US. THE AMERICAN MARKET WAS THE REASON FOR THE FINANCING AND SUPPORT THAT WAS GIVEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO THE
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SUGAR INDUSTRY FOR THE PAST MANY DECADES, FROM 1930, ON THE PASSAGE OF THE TARIFF ACT, TO THE PRESENT. AND YET IT WAS ABANDONED LIKE AN OLD MISTRESS. NOT THAT I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE THINGS. BUT ANYWAY, NOW COMES ALSO THE QUESTION OF...WELL, THERE ARE MANY MOTHER QUESTIONS. WHY DO THEY WANT TO TAKE UP THE BASES NOW THAT WE ARE FACING AN ELECTION? WHY DID THEY WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT THIS MAN WHO IS IN PRISON? WHY DO THEY COME TO ME AND SAY, "LET HIM GO?" WHY DO THEY ASK ME TO SEND HIM TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE I PROCLAIMED THAT

THERE WOULD BE ELECTIONS? WHY DID THEY ASK ME TO ALLOW AN OPPOSITION PAPER TO BE PRINTED? I HAVE NOW NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH THE PRINTING OF NEWSPAPERS. WHY DO THEY COME AND PRESSURE ME AT THE TIME WHEN WE ARE NEGOTIATING THE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT. THEY DENY ANY PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY. WELL AND GOOD. I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR THIS. AND I TAKE THEIR WORD FOR IT. BUT CERTAINLY THERE IS A REASON TO QUESTION SOME OF THE THINGS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS MAN IN PRISON SAYS HE WAS WORKING WITH THE CIA. HE WAS NOT WORKING FOR THE CIA BUT HE WAS WORKING WITH THE CIA. THEY YOU HAVE THE BACKGROUND. MAGSAYSAY WAS CREATED BY THE CIA. THIS IS SAID SO BY THE AMERICAN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS. THEN SOMEBODY WRITES A BOOK. JOSEPH SMITH WRITES, "THE PORTRAIT OF A COLD WARRIOR" AND HE CHARGES, HE CLAIMS THAT THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED MONEY FROM HIM FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. AND HE POINTS OUT TWO MEN WHO ARE IN THE OPPOSITION. THEY ARE MENTIONED THERE, THE NAMES ARE MENTIONED THERE. AND HE SAYS THIS OTHER MAN WHO TOOK THE MONEY FROM US AND WHO GAVE US INFORMATION ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES. NOW WITH ALL OF THIS, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT A PRESIDENT TO DO? DON'T YOU THINK CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE PRUDENT, CAUTIOUS, AND WATCHFUL FOR HIS PEOPLE? IF NOT FOR HIMSELF, AFTER ALL THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CASES OF ASSASSINATION AND SO WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION. I AM NOT GOING TO REVEAL ANY MORE INFORMATION BECAUSE I THINK I HAVE REVEALED TOO MUCH. BUT ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THIS. WE ARE NOT TALKING MERELY OF AMERICANS HERE. WE ARE TALKING OF OTHER KINDS...ALL KINDS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. WE SHOULD NOW REMEMBER THAT IN THE PAST THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EFFORT TO DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF FILIPINOS WHO WERE PAID FOR BY FOREIGN INTERVENERS. END TEXT. NEWSOM

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